

Proclamation - Workers Day of Mourning - April 28, 2013

Parksville, BC - Mayor Chris Burger has proclaimed April 28, 2013, as "*National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job*" in the City of Parksville.

The Day of Mourning has now grown into a worldwide event observed by unions, central labour bodies, labour councils, municipalities and national governments. The Day of Mourning is observed in nearly a hundred countries worldwide; it has been formally endorsed by the International Confederation of Tree Trade Unions (ICFTU). The Parliament of Canada officially recognized the Day of Mourning in 1991.

The City will fly its flags at half-mast on Sunday, April 28 in remembrance of those workers who have lost their lives and their health due to workplace injuries. In British Columbia, 149 workers lost their lives in 2012 due to workplace accidents.

Said Mayor Chris Burger, "The City recognizes April 28 as a day to mourn victims of workplace accidents and bring awareness for the need to establish safe conditions in the workplace for all. It is as much a day to remember those lost in workplace accidents as it is a call to protect workers."

The Nanaimo, Duncan and District Labour Council represent 65 affiliated local unions with a combined membership of 14,000 men and women trade unionists in the central Vancouver Island area, from Cobble Hill to Qualicum Beach and the Gulf Islands north of Salt Spring Island. The Nanaimo, Duncan and District Labour Council will host three "Day of Mourning" ceremonies on Sunday, April 28 at three locations - Lake Cowichan in the Woodworkers Memorial Park at 10 am; Nanaimo in Pioneer Plaza on the waterfront at 1 pm and in Parksville at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue East, back of building) at 4 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

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